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# Commission and Panel Recommendations



**NRO Commission**  
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**Space Commission**  
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**NIMA Commission**  
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**Kerr Panel**  
*1 Oct 2001*

**National Security  
Space Assessment**  
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# NRO Commission Recommendations

- **Update NRO mission with focus on the development, acquisition, and operation of high technology space reconnaissance systems and supporting space-related intelligence activities**
- **Determine proper roles for NRO, NSA, NIMA, and CMO in TPED area**
- **High level attention to the funding and support for R&D**
- **Establish a new office of space reconnaissance**
- **Need to pay more attention to the appropriate balance between strategic and tactical requirements for NRO systems, present and future**
- **Re-establish the Defense Space Reconnaissance Program (DSRP) to fund tactical military requirements**



# NRO Commission Recommendations

- **DCI should have latitude to move funds among intelligence collection activities and agencies**
- **Establish NRO career paths to ensure experienced NRO workforce is continued**
- **Develop a launch contingency program for each NRO program**
- **Develop a strategy that takes full advantage of U.S. commercial satellite imagery industry**
- **Transfer space system technologies to airborne applications**



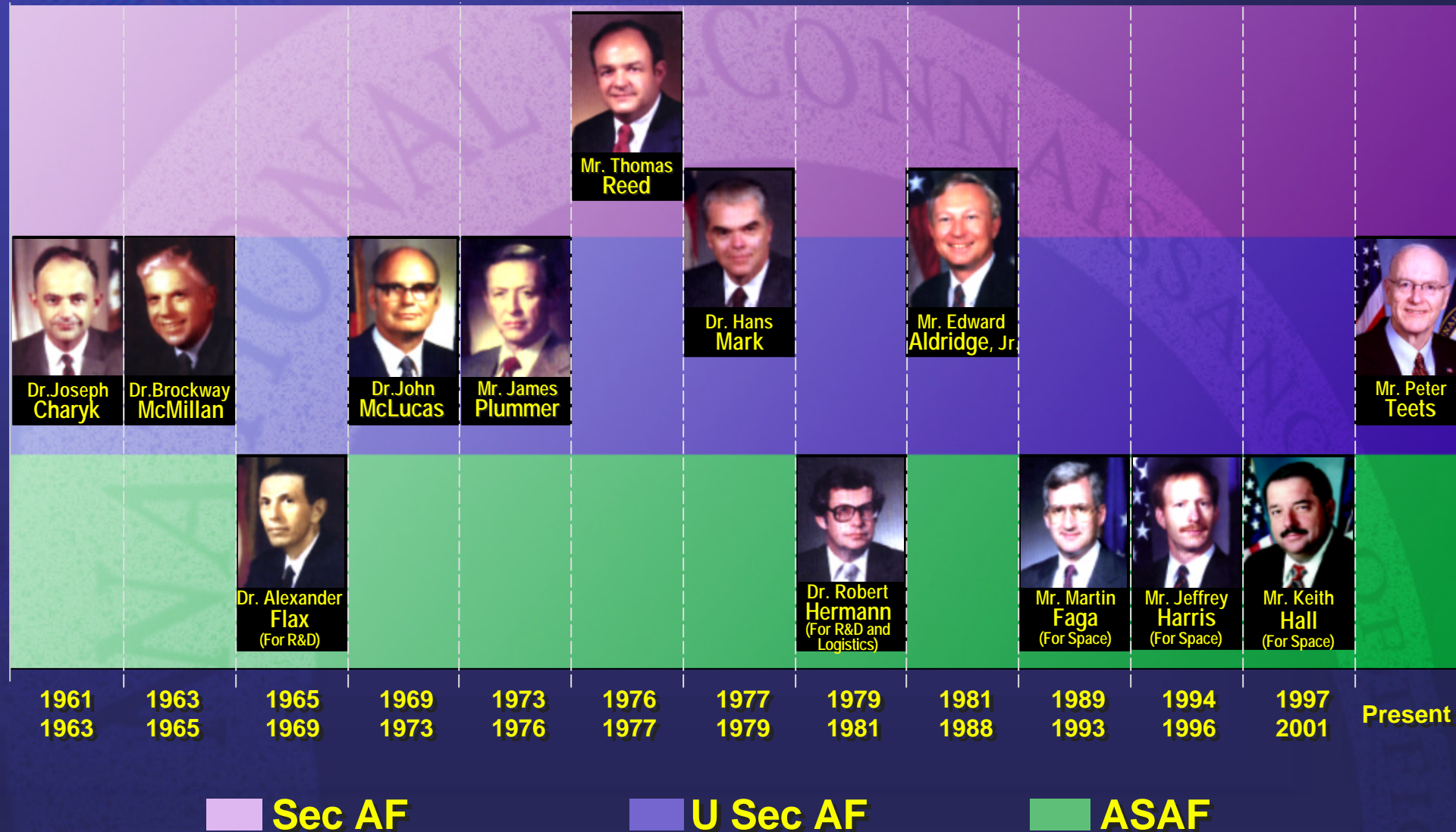
# Space Commission Recommendations

- **An Under Secretary of Defense for Space, Intelligence and Information should be established**
- **Create an Under Secretary of the Air Force as Director of NRO and Air Force Acquisition Executive for Space**
- **Make the Air Force Executive Agent for Space within Department of Defense**
- **The Secretary of the Air Force should assign responsibility for the command of Air Space Command to a four-star officer other than CINCSpace/CINCNORAD**
- **The Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence should direct the creation of a new organization focused on revolutionary methods, including but not limited to space systems, for collection intelligence.**
- **The Secretary of Defense should establish a Major Force Program (MFP) for Space**



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# Evolution of the DNRO role







## **“Future Steps”**

**Commission to Assess US National Security  
Space Management and Organization, pp. 93-95**

**“ . . . Once the realignment in the Air Force is complete, a logical step toward a Space Department could be to transition from the new Air Force Space Command to a Space Corps within the Air Force.” p. 93**

**“The timetable, which is not possible to predict, would be dictated by circumstances of the next five to ten years.”  
p. 94**

**“ Finally, an evolution to a Space Corps could involve integration of the Air Force and NRO acquisition and operations activities for space systems.” p. 94**